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Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert at page 1, line, after the title, the following amended paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an oral care composition comprising an improved abrasive system.

Please insert at page 1, line 6, the following amended paragraph:

The Related Art

US 5 718 885 (Gingold) discloses the use of particles selected from compounds comprising metals from groups IB, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IVB, VA, VIA, VIB, VIIB and VIIIB of the periodic table including the Lanthanides in an oral care composition for treating dentinal hypersensitivity. More preferably, the metals are selected from Y, Ce, AL and Zr, most preferably the metal is either Al or Zr.

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Please insert at page 2, line 13, the following amended paragraph:

Despite all that is available in the prior art there remains the need for improved abrasives suitable for use in toothpastes for everyday use.

~~Accordingly, the present invention provides an oral composition according to claim 1.~~

Please insert at page 2, line 19, the following amended paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention provides an oral composition that includes as abrasive a mixture of a lanthanide metal oxide and a further abrasive, the lanthanide metal oxide having a weight average particle size of from 0.5 to 50 μm .

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The invention includes the use of an oxide of any of the lanthanide metals and these include La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Pm, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb and Lu. However, the most preferred are lanthanum oxide (La_2O_3) and cerium oxide (CeO_2).